

Sub B1  
A2

10. (Amended) A line producing apparatus, comprising:  
a laser source adapted to produce radiant energy; and  
a laser output altering device, and wherein radiant energy projected from said laser source orthogonally into said laser output altering device emerges from said laser output altering device in a predetermined plane, and wherein said laser output altering device is one of a group consisting of: a hollow tube, a hollow tube within a hollow tube and a capillary array.

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✓ Cancel claims 11 – 14 and 16.

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Sub B2  
A3

17. (Amended) A method for creating a line, comprising the steps of:  
providing a laser source; and  
providing a device for receiving radiant energy from said laser source, said device being adapted such that radiant energy projected from said laser source orthogonally into said device emerges from said device in an outward pattern to form a line in a predetermined plane, and wherein said device is one of a group consisting of: a hollow tube, a hollow tube within a hollow tube and a capillary array.

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Sub B3  
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36. (Amended) An apparatus adapted to create an optical line, comprising:  
a laser source;  
a device for receiving radiant energy from said laser source, said device being adapted such that radiant energy projected from said laser source orthogonally into said device emerges from said device in an outward pattern to form an optical line in a predetermined plane, and wherein said device is one of a group consisting of: a hollow tube, a hollow tube within a hollow tube, and a capillary array.

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✓ Cancel claims 37 – 40.